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## ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretaries of the EIC Subcommittees

SUBJECT: Participation of NSA in Subcommittee Activities

1. A number of the Subcommittee Executive Secretaries have raised the question of proper response to non-COMINT cleared members in the event inquiries with respect to NSA's substantive activities are received. The EIC Secretariat has received from NSA a statement regarding its activities. While classified CONFIDENTIAL, it is suggested that the Subcommittee Secretaries not disseminate the statement to all members, but be prepared to make it available when a question on NSA activities arises.

2. The statement provided by the National Security Agency follows:

"1. The National Security Agency is an agency of the Federal Government within the Department of Defense structure. The mission of the Agency is:

- (a) Communications intelligence (COMINT)
- (b) Electronics intelligence (ELINT)
- (c) Communications security, and
- (d) Research and development in the general field of communications

"2. COMINT is intelligence derived from the analysis of foreign communications.

"3. ELINT is intelligence derived from the analysis of foreign electronic signals other than communications.

"4. The National Security Agency provides secure means of communications for United States organizations, including those participating in international bodies.

"5. Finally, the Agency responsibility for research and development includes both the solution of theoretical problems connected with present and future communications needs, and the development of facilities required to fulfill those needs."

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